

MARK: THE JESUS YOU NEED TO KNOW - PART 7
"THE SUBTLE DANGER OF PRIDE"
SCRIPTURE: MARK 9:30-50
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INTRODUCTION

- In Mark chapters 8 & 9, Jesus begins to move from public to private instruction of the disciples.
- Jesus is preparing to leave the disciples in charge and teaches them important lessons on what it means to be a disciple.

I. THE DISCIPLES MISUNDERSTAND DISCIPLESHIP

- Mark chapters 8, 9 & 10 have three cycles that are important to study.
 1. Jesus predicts His death.
 - Mark 9:30-31, “³¹...The Son of Man...will be betrayed...he will be killed...”
 2. The disciples react with a misunderstanding of discipleship. (Mark 9:33-34)
 3. Jesus corrects and instructs them in what it means to follow Him
 - Mark 9:35-37, “³⁵He...said, ‘Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else...’”

II. THE DANGERS OF PRIDE FOR OTHERS & YOURSELF

1. Pride destroys unity, promotes cliques, and creates exclusivity. (Mark 9:38-41)
2. Pride in you becomes a stumbling block for others. (Mark 9:42)
3. Pride distorts your ability to see your faults clearly. (Mark 9:43-48)
4. Pride undermines your effectiveness to witness about Jesus. (Mark 9:49-50)

ADDITIONAL NOTES